

**Howard County's Local Children's Board  
Meeting Minutes  
3/20/18**

**Attendees**

	Maura Rossman, HD	√	Bitia Dayhoff, CAC		Charmayne Anderson, Community (excused)
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Louis Valenti, MSDE (excused)
√	Karen Butler, DSS	√	Ann Gilligan, Library	√	Gary Gardner, HCPD
	Dario Broccolino, States Attorney		Tim Madden, DJS (excused)	√	Edisa Padder, Community
√	John Byrd, DRP	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS
	Rachel Choo Quan, HCMHA	√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children		Francine Trout, Office of Workforce (excused)
√	Hector Garcia, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society		

*Staff:* Kori Jones, Marsha Dawson, Sucora Best, Randi Norris, Trent Hall

*Public Attendees:* Kim Oldham, State's Attorney Office; James LeMon, HCPSS; Khiem Doan, Voices for Change; Chisha Johnson, Jacaranda Center; Father Fazolini, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

**Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome and introductions were made.**

Father Fazolini and Khiem introduced themselves.

**Roll Call**

Charmayne Anderson, Maura Rossman, Hector Garcia, Francine Trout, Timothy Madden, Lou Valenti - Excused

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of Consent Agenda

January 16, 2018 Minutes - Motion made by Kelly, Seconded by Karen; All approved.

**Committee Reports and Program Updates**

Executive Committee – John

All new board member recommendations were approved and confirmed by County Council. Dawn and Charmayne were reappointed.

Kim, John, Dawn, Jackie, and Charmayne will represent at the June 1<sup>st</sup> NOFA Negotiation meeting as the Local NOFA Review Team; Erica will serve as an alternate. The Local Team can have no more than five members and must include the LMB Director and Chair. They will meet with the State Review Team to resolve questions and negotiate any final conditions for funding. Applicants must score at least 71 points on a scale of 100 points to secure base level funding. The competitive NOFA was rescinded by GOC; there is no competitive funding.

Equity Committee – John

Rodia is planning 12 engagement opportunities throughout the community with the goal of having the first round completed by the end of April. The group is working to finalize the framework of indicators that will be used as the foundation of the report.

The Office is continuing its' focus on building a data dashboard; county administration has requested a dashboard be made available to the public by June 30, 2018. We are working on the first phase by this date which will focus on scorecard for LCB programs.

We received a \$25,000 training grant to continue our Equity work utilizing the Racial Equity Institute training on the Groundwater Approach and Cultural Proficiency.

#### *Mental Health, BYR, Healthy Families – Dawn*

Dawn discussed the work of the mental health committee. The group is working on conducting a child mental health landscape analysis and afterwards creating a tool that will compile resources for families to access easily; she also discussed rapid access slots available through the hospital for psychiatric services. Grassroots and BYR are two programs that can access these services. It's important for the Board to consider continued funding for BYR and increasing resource allocation to the LCT.

Edisa discussed how primary care physicians don't often receive their patient's mental health information. She discussed the BHIPP program in Baltimore where general physicians will be trained on how to recognize only available to clinicians. Important to get pediatricians involved in the planning. The committee is considering expanding the BHIPP program as well as Mental Health First Aid.

#### *Food Access – Karen*

The committee finalized most of the hot meal sites as well as many of the pickup locations of the Weekend Warrior Snack Packs. The committee will work with community organizations to heavily market information about both programs to families.

#### *Choice – Tabled*

#### *Strengthening Families – Marsha*

The program is seeking a different location for the second cycle. Recruitment has been a challenge, Bitia and Karen shared some ideas for Head Start and DSS to potentially support recruitment efforts.

#### **NOFA Planning Committee Presentation**

Erica presented program recommendations for approval. The recommendations were as follows:

- Effective FY20 all LCB priority areas will be RFP'd in the spring of FY19 for FY20 implementation.
- Funding for food access programs remain level at \$36,000 with half (\$18,000) coming from GOC.
- Increase program support to BYR by \$15,000 for a total investment of \$174,837; \$49,837 coming from GOC and \$125,000 from County funds.
- Decrease funding to Strengthening Families at \$30,000.

Motion made by Erica to accept funding recommendations, Seconded by Dawn; All approved.

The Committee will provide a funding recommendation for the Choice program and the additional funds that support Voices 4 Change, LCB Office planning needs and community engagement. Decision will be made at the next committee meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be electronic voting on the final recommendations.

#### **Learning Agenda**

Autism Society Presentation – Melissa Rosenberg

The Autism Society serves individuals with autism spectrum disorder, their families and community by providing support, advocacy, building awareness, and advocating for change. Autism Spectrum Disorder is the fastest growing disability in the country and Maryland's rate is higher than the national average. Howard County has the highest per capita rate in Maryland. They offer help with finding resources for housing, therapy, training, and other services. For more information please visit the website [www.howard-autism.org](http://www.howard-autism.org).

LCT Case Presentation – Tabled

**Youth Homelessness Video – Shared video that follows a day in the life of three Howard County youth experiencing homelessness.**

The Office is partnering with Youth Reach Maryland, Workforce Development Office, and the Department's Continuum of Care to count homeless youth in the county. The count will take place over a span of 10 days; March 16 through March 25, 2018

**Announcements**

- Updated GOC Training/TA Schedule available
- FY19 NOFA Pre-Application Meeting, today at 1:30; Baltimore County Library – Arbutus Branch

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Health Department – Barton Rooms**